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## Quick LOOK

### Professional wrestling debuts

Northwest has not had a wrestling program since 1987, but another form of wrestling will return at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bearcat Arena.

Central States Wrestling will hold a professional wrestling card featuring five matches. The matches will include a midget match, a women's match and three other matches.

The card will include three wrestlers with Maryville and Northwest ties. The main event will feature Northwest graduate Jason "Big Daddy Fullz" Fuller. Northwest students Anthony "Ace" Bowen and Rob "Rock Hard" Galloway will also wrestle on the card.

Floor tickets will be sold for \$10 and seating in the stands will be \$8. Tickets are available at the student services desk in the Administration Building or by calling 562-1212. The event will raise funds for the Northwest athletic department.

### Former employee takes job

The former Northwest vice president of community relations has gone south for more than the winter.

Wheeler started her job as director of extended campus at Missouri Western State College on Thursday and says she is very happy with her new job.

As the director of extended campus, Wheeler works with off-campus programs such as distance learning, credit and international study.

Beth Wheeler resigned her position at Northwest to run against Sen. Sam Graves, R-Mo., in June 1998.



**Beth Wheeler**

...accepts new position in St. Joseph...

### Classes in session on holiday

Classes have always been in session on President's Day at Northwest, and this year was no exception.

Northwest doesn't recognize the holiday because the University calendar committee tries to balance holidays and time to cover course material said Merry McDonald, calendar committee chairwoman.

McDonald said she does not think it is unpatriotic for Northwest to have classes on President's Day. "I feel like if we want to honor the presidents, it would be an equally valid way in an academic setting," McDonald said.

### Program assists children

St. Francis Hospital and Health Services in partnership with St. Francis Family Health Care is helping to start Missouri's MC+ for Kids program.

The new program will increase health insurance coverage to uninsured children. The program began in July 1998 and has enrolled 24,000 of the 90,000 children able to receive the insurance.

There will be a sign-up day Friday at Wal-Mart and St. Francis Family Health Care from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parents and others can learn more about eligibility requirements and pick up applications at this time. For more information, call 888-275-5908.

### Cultural dinner entertains

The annual Alpha Mu Gamma/Phi Sigma Iota dinner was Thursday. The two clubs served approximately 100 people with dishes. There were also performances from France and Spain cultures.

Performers included Cynthia Crook, Lynsi Rahorst, Tiffany Leevers, Tessa Shanks, Melissa Auwater and Amy Menon. Enchiladas, brie en croute and other cultural foods were served.

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## Former student enters guilty plea



**Philip Baldwin**

...enters guilty plea in murder case...

by Lindsey Corey  
Managing Editor

Philip Baldwin walked away from Midway's Shop & Hop with chips, beer and \$70. More than a year after the armed robbery, with a new plea of guilty to second-degree murder, the 20-year-old faces a possible life sentence.

As the former Northwest student entered his plea Tuesday in the Andrew County Circuit Court, he described the chain of events leading up to the Oct. 12, 1997 murder of the store clerk Gracie Hixson.

Baldwin told Judge Weldon Judah the 3 a.m. robbery was planned for approximately two weeks. However, he said, the plan did not include a weapon until Travis Canon, 20, exposed a shot gun at the scene. Fearing for his life, Baldwin said he went to the back of the store to collect merchandise while

Canon pointed a gun at the clerk.

Once outside the convenience store, Baldwin heard two shots, the shots that killed 56-year-old Hixson. He compared the sound to fireworks. Canon left the store with a little more than \$200, which was split three ways, Baldwin said.

Baldwin said former Northwest student Brian Campbell, 20, waited in a car the men had stolen.

Jerry Biggs, Andrew County prosecuting attorney, was not surprised by Baldwin's change in plea. Biggs told William Erdrich, Baldwin's attorney, he would not seek Baldwin's execution if he would plead guilty and agree to testify against Canon and Campbell.

"I anticipated this after I extended the offer to them," Biggs said. "But this is just resolution to one of the cases."

Judah ordered a presentence investigation be conducted by the Department of Probation and Pa-

role in St. Joseph. The department will ascertain Baldwin's criminal, family, personal and work histories. He and Hixson's family will be interviewed, and the department will make a punishment recommendation to the court.

The investigation results will be given to the court May 17, the day Baldwin will be sentenced. The maximum sentence for second-degree murder is life imprisonment. Baldwin is also charged with armed criminal action and first-degree robbery.

Campbell plead not guilty to the same charges Baldwin faces. His jury trial is set to begin April 20.

Canon previously entered a plea of not guilty to charges of first-degree murder, first-degree robbery, armed criminal action and unlawful use of a weapon. Canon is set to appear in court March 15 and a trial date will likely be set then, Judah said. The prosecution will seek the death penalty.

## Guest speaks on national health

by Heather Butler  
Features Editor

A controversial former U.S. surgeon general provided insight into health problems plaguing America.

Joycelyn Elders completed Northwest's Distinguished Lecture Series Tuesday at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Elders' "Health Care in the 21st Century" touched on various health problems, such as teen pregnancy, eating habits, the hazards of smoking and drinking and the lack of health care service.

She said every American should have a right to health care just as every criminal has a right to justice.

"Lawyers feel that every criminal has the constitutional right to a lawyer," Elders said. "So why can't every sick person have a right to a doctor?"

Elders said America spends more money on health care (\$4,000 per person) than any other country in the world, yet is far behind those countries in many aspects; America's immunization records are lower than some Third World nations.

America also has one of the highest rates of teen pregnancy. The national teen pregnancy rate is twice that of any other industrialized country; 10 times higher than the Netherlands or Japan.

Elders said sexual awareness and condoms should be a priority for those who are sexually active. She joked that she stresses condom use so much that she has been referred to as the "condom queen."

"I don't mind being called the condom queen," Elders said. "If everybody who needed it used one, then I would put the crown on my head and sleep in it."

Americans also do not know how to properly take care of themselves, Elders



Dave Kompellen/Missourian Photographer

Joycelyn Elders speaks about health education during her seminar at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Tuesday evening. Elders also spoke about problems facing young people concerning homeless people, drugs and a variety of other topics.

is having. She said educating children about health care is the only way to have a healthy society in the 21st century. The former surgeon general said if society teaches children today then we will have a better tomorrow.

"Fifty percent of our people don't even know how to read the directions on their prescriptions," she said. "Fifty percent of people in hospitals today are there because they didn't take their medicines right."

Elders said there are many ways to decrease the health problems that America

is having. She said educating children about health care is the only way to have a healthy society in the 21st century. The former surgeon general said if society teaches children today then we will have a better tomorrow.

"They have shoes that light up when they walk, but brains that go dead when they talk," she said. "We've got to begin by saving the most valuable resource that we have and that is our children."

## Senators quickly spend larger budget

by Burton Taylor  
University News Editor

Organizations seeking funding from Student Senate may have to look to different sources because of Senate's increased distribution of funds.

Student Senate budgeted \$9,700 to fund University organizations for this semester, over \$8,000 of which has already been spent. Senate's financial affairs committee budget has \$476 dollars remaining in it to allocate to student organizations.

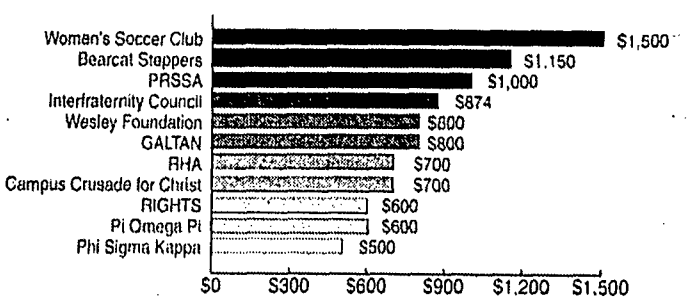
This year the budget received an increase of \$4,000 to allocate funds to more organizations on campus. Money that Senate distributes to organizations comes out of its total budget which is provided by the state of Missouri.

Because of the additional funding, Senate decided to alter the restrictions on the amount of money an organization could receive from \$300 for lodging to \$500. And from \$200 to \$500 for travel expenses.

Senate also lifted the restric-

### Fast Facts on Student Senate Financial Affairs

■ Student Senate budgeted \$9,700 for its financial affairs committee this semester, almost all of which has already been spent. This semester Senate received \$4,000 more than last semester. The following graph shows how much money has been allocated to certain organizations this year.



Kaori Nagai/Graphics Editor

tion regulating how many times an organization could receive money for an annual trip. In recent semesters the request could be made only one time, but now the request can be made for the same trip on an annual basis.

With these changes have

come a number of problems in the budget for financial affairs committee, said Andrew Saeger, Senate vice president of financial affairs. With only one third of the semester under way, Senate is almost out of money to fund organization's trips and projects.

Saeger said they will, more than

likely, not receive additional money to assist organizations on campus with funding their events.

"I certainly regret that there will be organizations that we will have to turn down (for money)," Saeger said.

Saeger said the problems in the budget could have a number of different causes, but he attributed part of the shortage to altered restrictions.

"I think we may have been too liberal in giving money out," Saeger said. "We planned to give more money out, but I think maybe we should have just been giving it to more organizations, not just more money."

Saeger said he hopes to learn from the mistakes made this semester and try to work out problems in Senate's budget in the future.

"I think that hopefully the

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## 18-year-old buys body shop after graduation, fulfills life-long dream

by Sarah Y. Johnson  
Missourian Reporter

A Ravenwood youth is fulfilling his dream by operating his own automobile body shop.

Jason Nelson, 18, is a high school graduate of Northeast Nodaway, who has a passion for cars.

Growing up the youngest of five boys, his mother is pleased with him for being so determined and successful.

"I'm proud of him," Jason's mother Susie Nelson said. "He's the only child out of five boys who has known what he wanted to do so early in life and done it."

When Jason was just 15 years old, he bought a 1964 Chevrolet Chevelle and, because no one else would, he repaired it himself. Since then, Jason has been buying and repairing old cars for his own enjoyment. Now, he is making a living out of what he enjoys most.

In April 1998, Jason opened his own body shop, Joystreet Body Shop in Ravenwood. He said business has been good and he

is pleased with the customers.

"We're happy with what we're getting," Jason said. "I don't know how, but we're doing good. Of course, we'd like more business, but we couldn't fit it in."

Jason said on an average his business handles two to three cars a week.

Just recently Joystreet Body Shop added a new paint booth. Jason said the booth provides a cleaner environment and better lighting when painting cars.

Painting cars is not the only service the body shop offers; it also does body work.

"We do anything associated with collision repair," Jason said.

Mary Bodle, is a former customer of Jason's. She took her pickup into his shop after backing into a tree. She said she is pleased with the repairs.

"He did a good job," Bodle said. "He's real conscientious about his work. He's a hard worker and he does a good job."

Before starting his own business, Jason worked in another automobile shop, and



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Editor

Jason Nelson, owner of the Joy Street Body Shop in Ravenwood, works on a car in his shop. Nelson estimates he worked on nearly 200 cars in 1998, the first year he was in business.

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## OUR VIEW

## Budget woes

*Senate misappropriates funds, running out of money quickly*

The University trusts Student Senate to represent the student body and allocate funds to student organizations when needed. Senate's ability to represent the student body is not in question, but the depletion of the \$9,700 budget for the Senate's financial affairs committee is.

Last year, the University gave Senate \$5,500 to allocate to University-recognized organizations. It ended the year with \$768 left after granting 10 of 11 requests. This year's Senate began with nearly \$10,000, and with 10 weeks left in the school year, and only 11 requests granted, the budget is down to \$476.

Where did all the money go?

Organizations have been granted as much as \$1,500 per request this year. Money for conferences that will only promote the interests of a minority of the student population was allocated in full, while requests like the one by Rape Is Going To Have To Stop for \$898 to cover the cost of two-way radios for the campus escort service, which will benefit the entire campus, were allocated only partial funding.

Last year the financial affairs committee, which is responsible for allocating the funds, had guidelines restricting the amount of money given to organizations for travel and lodging. The committee's opinion was respected and accepted with little debate from the Senate.

Committee members who belong to the organization requesting funds were not allowed to sit in on the meeting with their organization to maintain an unbiased vote. Funds were also guarded carefully to ensure the greatest number of people would benefit. Senate took a vested interest in how the funding affected the student body, not just selected members of a group.

Those guidelines have been tossed out the window. It is time for Senate to reevaluate its spending and return to its prudent financial habits where funds were allocated based on need, fund-raising efforts within the organization and the effect the organization's spending has on Northwest.

In past years, Senate has done fine with half the money this year's Senate had to spend. It even ended up with some left over. From now until the end of school, requests will likely be turned down due to lack of funds.

Before the budget is approved for next year's Senate, a system of checks and balances needs to be put in place to ensure spending is in the student body's best interest.

## MY VIEW

## Panelists share views on coverage of violence



■ Jackie Tegen

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A unique show has joined the KNTV lineup for this week. It doesn't offer the latest Bearcat basketball scores or prize giveaways.

The information is much more valuable — knowledge.

"Media and Violence" was

a panel discussion sponsored by the Northwest chapters of Society of Professional Journalists and Radio and Television News Directors Association in hopes of educating the community about the media's ethics and decision-making process when covering violent stories. The production will air 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

As a member of the media, I was impressed by the panel members. Two staff members from *The Kansas City Star*, the executive editor of the *St. Joseph News-Press*, the news director of KQTV and two Northwest student journalists led the discussion.

I must admit I was excited. I couldn't wait to ask Bob Unger, the executive editor of the *News-Press*, why he ran photos of the dead gunman after a shooting that also resulted in the death of a St. Joseph police officer.

I wanted to know about the angry citizens storming the newsroom, threatening the reporters' lives or Unger having to change his phone number

because people wouldn't leave him alone.

What I got was the truth, told from the real world, not from Hollywood's poor movie examples.

Unger ran the photo because "it offered information that was vital to the story." He said the photo showed the gunman in his new camouflage fatigues and perfectly polished combat boots, not to mention his waist was covered with ammunition and a knife. The photo allowed readers in the area to begin to understand who the killer was.

I sit in my journalism classes and listen to what people think should run in a newspaper or on TV and what they think is right or wrong. Should we report on deaths in the area? Is it OK to run photos of hurricane or tornado devastation? Do we want children eating cereal over a photo of a drive-by shooting victim?

I don't have the answers. I do know that when Unger explained his reasoning behind running the photo a certain sense of relief came over me. Although it was more exciting to imagine the situation as being more chaotic and offensive, hearing the truth was soothing. It wasn't selfish, deceptive or greedy. It was honest.

One of the panelists described what he did as a direct reflection of the community. What the media chose to cover on his station was what the public wanted. That's the kind of journalism I want people to identify and understand.

But most important, it's the kind I want to call my job.

Jackie Tegen is the president of the Northwest chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.



■ David Angerer

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*Society's modern tools have positive, negative aspects*

Nearly 20 years ago, the eminent futurist, Alvin Toffler wrote that technology would result in what he called the "de-massification" of modern society. New high-tech inventions, Toffler wrote, would cause society to splinter into smaller and smaller interest groups. Businesses would market their goods and services to increasingly narrower segments of society. We see evidence of this today as technology has given rise to such phenomena as Internet sites catering to ever more specialized interests and cable communication services which allow people to attend school and work without having to gather in a common meeting place.

While the new technology has resulted in vastly improved educational, medical and commercial systems, we must also be cognizant of its drawbacks. The splintering of American culture, brought about by technology, has reduced the number of experiences common to all Americans and may account for the growing tendency away from consensus in American politics.

It is entirely possible today — in fact, entirely normal — for people to view movies and concerts from their homes and without having to interact with unfamiliar people in the seat next to them. Many people can now hold jobs which they perform from a computer station in their own home, away from co-workers and customers. We no longer need to assemble in a common place at a common time to witness the great events of our day as cable news channels and VCRs make it possible to tune into these experiences around the clock at our own personal convenience.

We are now seeing the rise of online stores for compact discs, books, clothing and practically everything else that we once purchased from living, breathing human beings. Here again, these Internet stores offer some benefit to us — a wider variety and maybe lower prices, for example. But these long-distance transactions occur without the fringe benefits of a face-to-face engagement with a member of our community —

the coincidental exchanges about the weather, politics, our families and the other things in life that contribute to a shared point of view.

For the most part, the new technologies are very democratic and liberating. They have increased job and educational opportunities for the homebound and provided flexibilities which would not otherwise be available to us.

But it has also reduced our opportunities to interact with others. Today, we are less likely to rub shoulders with the people in our community than we were a scant 10 or 20 years ago. This makes it less likely that we will share and understand our neighbor's viewpoints or tolerate them. This is the great drawback of the new technological age — "virtual reality" is not reality. And "virtual neighbors" are no substitute for the real thing.

I think this presents a considerable challenge to those of us in government. It is an axiom of democracy that the will of the majority is supreme — that the majority rules. The development of a majority viewpoint, however, requires that a large segment of society has a multitude of common, overlapping experiences. The prospects for the emergence of a community consensus declines as we spend more and more time fiddling with Nintendo Gameboys and VCRs and less time on the softball field or in the large audiences.

Toffler asserted that the new technologies would be neither good nor bad, merely the inevitable evolution of an increasingly smarter society. He was right, of course, and I certainly am not advocating that we junk the Internet and return to the good old days which, frankly, weren't all that good. But I do hope that the students of America's first electronic campus will rise to the challenge of keeping the human element in the systems that they will design and manage in the future.

David Angerer is the Maryville city manager.

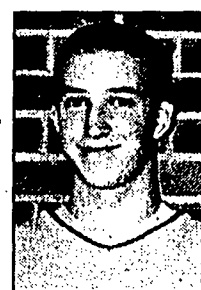
## IT'S YOUR TURN

*If Travis Canon is found guilty of the Oct. 12, 1997, murder of Gracie Hixson, what should his punishment be?*



"I believe in an eye for an eye. What Travis did was in cold blood, therefore I feel he should receive the death penalty."

Zach Gray, business management major



"I believe that if Travis Canon is found guilty in this case, he should face the consequences for his actions. I believe the consequences for this murder should be the death penalty."

Garry Mayhew, undecided major



"I feel the death penalty is the easy way out. He should have life without parole. Make him pay for the suffering he has caused."

Sarah Huffer, broadcasting major



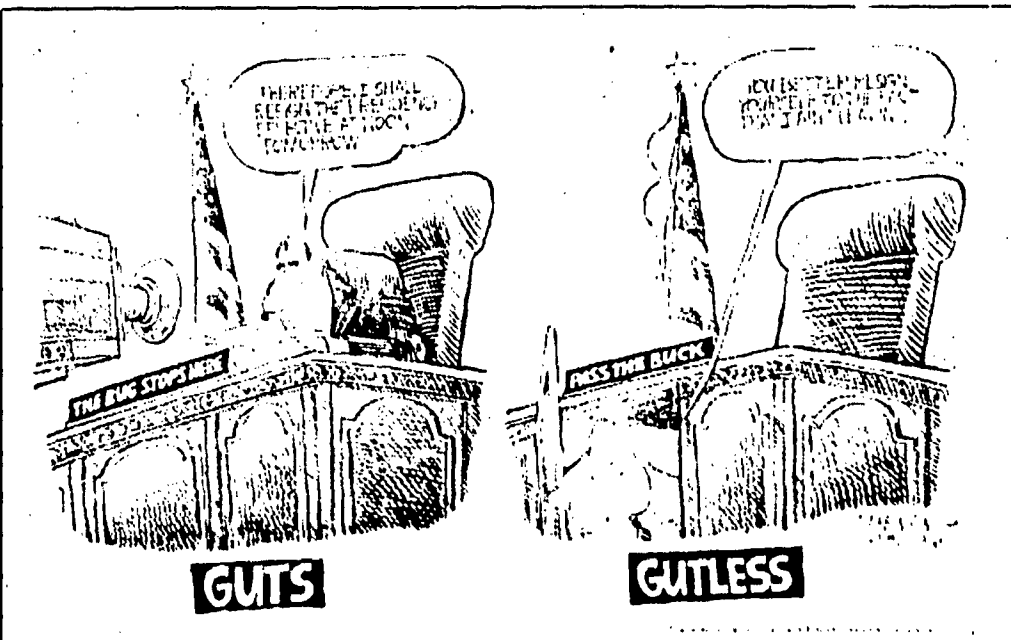
"If it was one of my family members killed, I would want him to receive the maximum punishment."

Tracey Turner, broadcasting major



"There is no excuse for murder. The only logical option is the death penalty."

Kyle Andrews, business finance major



## CORRECTION

In the Feb. 11 edition of *The Northwest Missourian*, Vilas Young was mistakenly identified as the property chairman at the First Baptist

Church. He is a member and property chairman of the First Christian Church of Maryville. *The Missourian* regrets the error.

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## Privacy act undergoes discussion

by Wendy Broker  
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A student's records may no longer be a private matter.

The newly signed Higher Education Act, which amends aspects of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, allows universities to reveal certain student records to both parents and the general public.

One aspect states that in student disciplinary matters, the offender's name, violation and penalty can be released to the public after university proceedings are finished.

The other amendment states that universities can inform a student's parent or legal guardian of any alcohol or substance abuse violations against either university policy, local or federal law.

Northwest is forming a committee under Carol Cowles, assistant vice president of student affairs, to determine the university's policies regarding the new law.

"Parents of a dependent student, or one listed on the parent's tax form, can have access to information about their student," Cowles said. "Many students misunderstand that. They think that since their grades are sent to them and they are basically responsible for themselves, their parents can't have access. That isn't the case and hasn't been."

## SENATE

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(financial affairs committee) will be able to see that we were trying to do the best that we could for organizations," Saeger said. "I think there are things that we could have done better, and I hope that we will be able to do them better next year."

Senate President Angel McAdams said they are looking at other places to find money and hopes they are able to help more organizations. She said one option is for students to go to other financial outlets for assistance.

"I don't think that Senate should be the very first organization student organizations come to," McAdams said. "There's departmental money, there is Alumni money... if we can't help them out somewhere, I know that we will be able to work with them and get them the money wherever else they may need it."

Although the majority of money has been spent, there have been benefits concerning the funding of student organizations this semester. This is because a number of people have been able to take advantage of Senate's services.

"The organizations that we have been able to help have definitely improved from it," Saeger said.

Eleven organizations have been given money this semester to use toward travel, lodging and other financial requests.

The Residence Hall Association received \$700 to use toward travel expenses. The women's soccer club received \$1,500 to travel to a tournament, and the Bearcat Steppers were granted \$1,150 for travel, lodging and registration at their national competition.

Saeger said turning one organization away when it requests help, is a difficult decision to make. He said each time Senate supports an organization it is improving the quality of that group.

"We realized there are a lot of things that may not really benefit Northwest too much, but will benefit their members and a part of Northwest," he said.

McAdams said it is important to give organizations support so they can become stronger and, in the end, improve Northwest.

"It is just natural to be concerned about whether or not we are going to be able to meet the needs of these organizations," McAdams said.



Juniors Rachel Charley, Andrea Tappmeyer and Meredith Wurm receive assistance from their chemistry teacher. The academy at Northwest will bring in students to study math, science and computers.

John Petrovic/  
Chief Photographer

## Academy to open soon

by Josh Flaharty  
Chief Reporter

Northwest will soon be inviting high school juniors and seniors to campus to take courses for college credit.

The academy for math, science and computers is projected to open in the fall of 2000. The program will be the only one of its kind in Missouri.

Previously the academy was planned to take place during the summer, however, that plan was replaced by the concept of an academy that will take place during the fall and spring trimesters.

"The best programs are the ones where you bring the students to campus and put them in a residence hall," University President Dean Hubbard said. "They develop a culture and they have a social life."

Hubbard said the program will be based on a similar one in Texas. The students will most likely live in North Complex and study full-time.

Students taking part in the academy will receive both high school and University credits for the courses. The difference between this and other dual credit programs is that, rather than being instructed

by a high school teacher, the students will be taught by University professors and be in the classroom with other University students, Hubbard said.

All Missouri students who meet the requirements will be eligible to take part in the academy. Tuition will be paid by the state through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, but room and board must be paid by the student.

The academy will have a zero-tolerance drug and alcohol policy. Any student caught with either drugs or alcohol will be dismissed.

"We know that there are a lot of really bright students out there who get bored their last two years of high school," Hubbard said. "Some of them, because of that boredom, get into trouble and do things that are self-destructive. We (also) know that if they come to this kind of program they don't get into trouble because of zero-tolerance."

Hubbard said the Texas program has only sent home about one student per year for a drug or alcohol violation out of the 400 students in the program.

"(Northwest) is the kind of environment where you can put something like this," Hubbard said. "It's the right size, we have the computers in the residence halls and it's safe."

## TRIO awards students

by Michelle Murphy  
Missourian Reporter

Educational programs that help lower income families will be nationally recognized Saturday, Feb. 27.

These five different educational outreach programs, known as Federal TRIO Programs, are funded through the United States Department of Education.

National TRIO day, Feb. 27, will honor the accomplishments of students involved in the program. Northwest's award ceremony for TRIO recipients will be at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Center.

"TRIO programs at Northwest help lower income, first generation students overcome obstacles in their secondary education," said Kenna Johnson, Learning Services Coordinator for Student Support Services.

The "opportunity" programs are designed to assist students who face certain barriers graduating from secondary schools and pursue a post-secondary education.

The TRIO program includes the Upward Bound program, which serves high school students in preparing them in college level work.

It also includes the Talent Search, which is designed to go

down to the middle school level and help low income and first generation students who demonstrate potential in succeeding in high school and possibly college.

The final program is Student Support Services, which is designed to help low income, first generation students succeed in society by maintaining their college education.

Northwest has participated in TRIO programs since 1986 when the first grant was proposed for the Upward Bound program. In 1988, Student Support Services won a grant competition which serves Northwest students.

## National magazine picks interns, 2 students head for Washington

by Stephanie Clarkin  
Chief Reporter

Two Northwest students were chosen for an internship with *National Geographic*.

Jordan Monroe and Jill Maeder, geography majors, faced heavy competition with 90 applicants from over 60 universities for one of the internships at *National Geographic* society.

Both students were ecstatic when they were notified of their selection because neither expected to be chosen said Don Hagan, geography/geology professor.

"These internships are among the more highly competitive in the nation," Hagan said. "This is particularly true because undergraduate and graduate students are competing for the same small number of intern positions available each year."

Maeder was the only intern selected to work in the interactive website division.

*"This is, so far, the biggest opportunity I had to better my career."*

■ Jordan Monroe, National Geographic intern

It has always been a dream to work there, Maeder said.

Monroe was chosen to be one of two cartographic interns in the maps division.

"This is, so far, the biggest opportunity I had to better my career," Monroe said.

Northwest students have consistently been noticed for their skills, and Hagan said it speaks highly of the geography department.

"I think any time you have interns selected for nationally or internationally prestigious programs such as *National Geographic* or Geo-Spatial Information Technology Association, for which we had three interns chosen last summer, it certainly enhances the visibility of your program," Hagan said. "How-

ever, having said that, I believe that Northwest arguably has the finest undergraduate geography program in the U.S. In fact, we have 'officially' been ranked second in the U.S. since 1989. Now, I believe we are first."

Maeder and Monroe are not the only Northwest students who have had internships with *National Geographic*. Former Northwest students Tim Hill and Jennifer Spencer were also interns at the magazine headquarters in Washington D.C., and were offered permanent jobs when they finished.

Hill accepted the position and is currently the director of the Geography Bee. Spencer declined, and is now attending graduate school at Oklahoma State University.

## Musical to entertain students, community

by Sarah Y. Johnson  
Missourian Reporter

Third Century issues of sexuality are reborn in the 20th Century through a Roman comedy.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" will be performed 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The production is a musical comedy produced by Big League Theatricals of New York. The main character, Pseudolus, played by Rip Taylor, is a Roman slave who tries to achieve his freedom from his master, Hero.

Hero promises Pseudolus his freedom if he can obtain the desired woman, Philia.

Throughout the production, the comedy focuses on mistaken identities and the confusion the characters encounter as Pseudolus tries to snatch Philia for his master.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" was first written by the Roman playwright, Plautus.

The original production opened on Broadway in 1962, running 962 performances and breaking box office records at the Alvin Theatre.

The musical also won six Tony Awards, including best musical. In the 1972 revival, it won two Tony Awards.

The musical was revised two years ago on Broadway and has made its name as a "fun and games," Roman comedy.

Charles Schultz, professor of Communication and Theater Arts, said "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" has had much success in the past. Schultz also said the script attracts many famous people.

"The play has been very promi-

### Funny business

**What:** "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" starring Rip Taylor  
**Where:** Mary Linn Performing Arts Center  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Tickets:** \$18 for orchestra, \$16 for balcony, \$14 for children. Tickets are available at the Student Services desk in the Administration Building.

nent on Broadway," Schultz said. "Rip Taylor is a pretty big name, and big names often draw large audiences."

Schultz said the play is "not exactly what you would call a family show" because of its "sexual innuendoes and scantily dressed women."

Although the play may not be intended for younger audiences, it is known for its ability to entertain and keep people laughing.

Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities, though he has not seen the show, said he has heard that it is a very funny production.

"I've been told it's a split your gut comedy. It's a riot, a really, really funny comedy," he said.

Vincent Canby, a reviewer for the *New York Times* seems to share the same opinion.

"It's Heaven-sent! Almost as timeless as comedy itself!" Canby wrote.

Tickets for the show can be purchased at the Student Services desk on the first floor of the Administration Building.



The Kissing Bridge was recently renovated, with financial assistance from students in the class of 1999, as a graduation gift to the University.

## Seniors donate over \$3,000 for Kissing Bridge project

by Josh Flaharty  
Chief Reporter

The graduating class of 1999 recently raised more than \$3,000 to help cover the cost of its gift.

Class representatives sponsored a phone-a-thon Feb. 8 and 9 and set up donation tables in the Student Union Feb. 10 and 11 to raise part of the money.

One hundred seventy-three seniors pledged money to fund the project.

The other part of the estimated \$5,000 cost of the gift came from student graduation fees.

"We got a lot of help from our class," said Kristin Farley, senior class president. "We raised (the money) in just four days."

The class announced Feb. 4 that it will sponsor the Kissing Bridge renovation as its gift to the University.

The project was decided upon after senior class surveys indicated the class' support of the project.

"It will serve as a strong reminder of the class of 1999 for years to come, as well as to serve as a beautiful focal point for the University," Farley said.

The money raised by the senior class will be applied to the final cost of the entire project, including renovating the Kissing Bridge, building benches in the same likeness as the bridge and constructing a pond with a stream running under the bridge into Colden Pond.

The plans call for construction to begin as soon as weather permits.

Farley said the project would not be considered a success without the full support of her peers.

Anyone interested in contributing to the project can contact the Alumni House at 562-1248 or the Student Senate office at 562-1218.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW SPRING OF '99 MEMBERS!

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# Inmate numbers rising

by Michelle Murphy  
Missourian Reporter

The number of people in prison has gone up dramatically over the last seven years. However, the number of prisoners serving a full sentence has been reduced greatly in the last decade.

Statistics show an increasing number of inmates are serving only part of their sentences.

"When I first started this job in 1981, we figured in rough numbers that people would serve about a third of their sentence," said David Baird, Nodaway County prosecuting attorney.

Over a period of time, with the number of prisoners rising and a limited number of beds, many prisoners have experienced a reduction in their sentences, Baird said.

He said the amount of time people are serving is down to about 15 percent of their original sentence. For example, a five-year sentence may lead to only serving nine months.

Simply put, the overcrowding of prisons is a problem because of the lack of beds, Baird said. With an increase in the number of individuals sentenced and not a corresponding increase of beds, sentences have been reduced.

The overcrowding does not necessarily affect someone's sentence, but it can affect the manner they serve the sentence.

"There is not enough room in the prisons," Baird said. "With lower level crimes, recommendations are to leave them on the outside. If the judge says that 'I'm not going to send that person to the Missouri Department of Corrections,' then everybody knows when you send somebody to a five-year sentence that you're not going to serve every day for five years. They're going to be released from the system early."

In order to receive a lighter sentence, there are a few things to be considered by the Missouri Department of Corrections.

The number one factor is the person's criminal history, Baird said. The second factor is the person's criminal involvement, the third factor is bed space and the fourth is a recommendation from the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Baird said many judges and prosecutors throughout the state of Missouri receive letters from the Department of Corrections asking for alternatives other than a prison.

"The letters are not saying don't take people to prison, but are there other solutions," Baird said. "Rehabilitation centers are a workable solution, but many don't have access to those facilities."

He said because access to rehabilitation centers is limited, options are minimal.

"The judge's hands are really tied because the only recommendations he'll get from the Missouri Department of Corrections will be probation," Baird said.

Another alternative has been electronic shackling. However, Baird said this doesn't always work.

# Students working for public service

by Laurie Den Ouden  
Community News Editor

Students at St. Gregory's School are redefining the concept of public work.

Some of the children have become involved in a program called Public Achievement. The program's goal is to develop ways to make a difference in students' community, state, nation and world by working to change issues and concerns of interest to them.

St. Gregory's has nine P.A. teams that work to alter specific concerns on both a long-term and short-term basis. They meet at least once a week to discuss ways to implement their ideas. A few issues addressed by the students include the mistreatment of animals and cigarette smoking.

One team, named the Cignified Lighter Fighters, wrote a grant and sold Valentine packages at a seventh and eighth grade dance to raise money to attend a Breathe Easy Smokefree Teens rally in Jefferson City.

The students hope to learn how to write bills and proposals to stop indoor smoking in public facilities. They have researched information about the effects of second-hand smoke and would like to limit their exposure as well as others'.

Another team is working on a survey to discover what Maryville wants and needs ecologically, and on a smaller scale, the needs of St. Gregory's environment. They plan

to send the surveys out with monthly public water bills to obtain a good sampling.

Public Achievement serves as the citizens course the state has required to be added to the school's curriculum, said Sue Dorrel, St. Gregory's principal.

"It requires the students to do more than just learn, but act on what they've learned," Dorrel said.

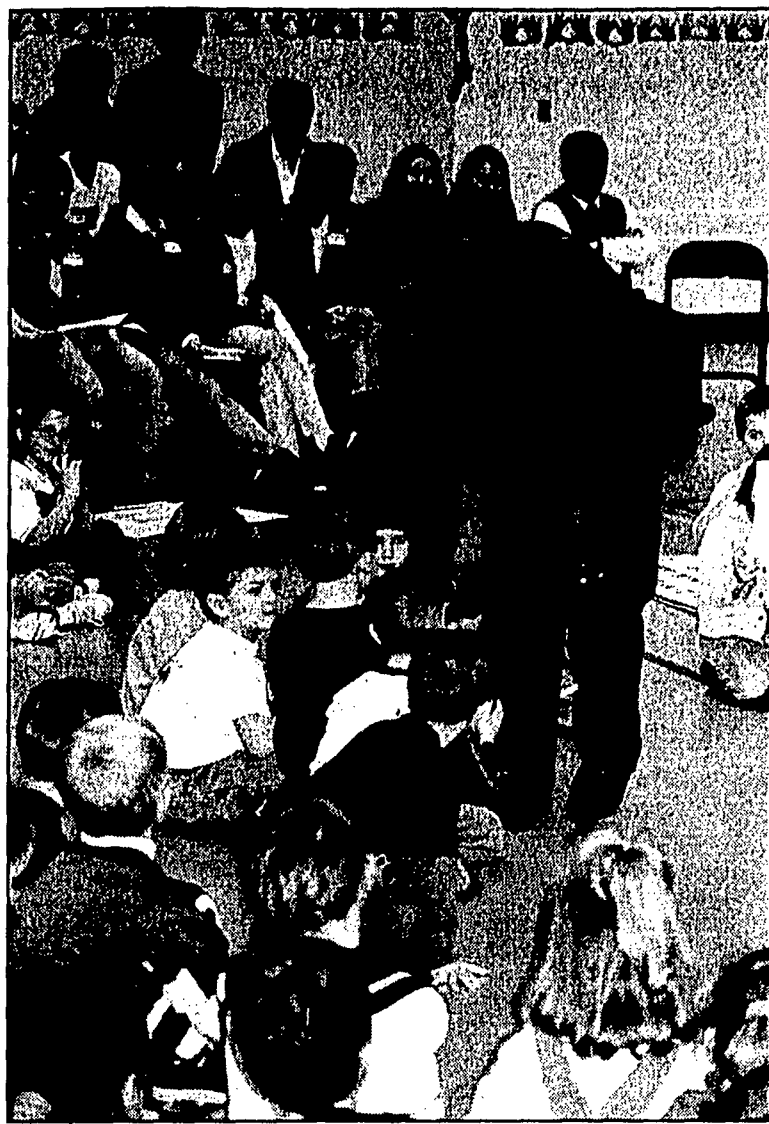
The Public Achievement program was founded in 1990 as a partnership between the Center for Democracy and Citizenship at the University of Minnesota and the city of St. Paul, Minn. P.A. was developed to allow young people to be facilitators in their schools and communities rather than just a customer or client.

Dorrel said P.A. has given the kids an opportunity to combine what they are taught as Catholics and their citizen duties.

"I saw it as a link from charity to justice," she said. "I said, 'No matter what it is going to take it's a great opportunity for students to be involved in life.'"

The students involved also have a positive outlook on the program. Eighth-grader Abby Jelavich said she learned how to work well with others as a result of P.A.

"It's really great because you're in there working toward things as a team, and you're trying to change something for the better with a bunch of other people who care about it just as much as you do," Jelavich said.



John Petrovic/Chief Photographer  
Mishkat Az-Zubair, Wyandotte County public achievement project program director of Kansas City, Kan., shakes hands with St. Gregory's students Tuesday. Public achievement officials gathered at St. Gregory's to talk with the students about the progress of the program.

# Drug causes controversy

by Jamasa Kramer  
Missourian Reporter

Despite some doctors' negative perceptions of dietary supplements, several Metabolife users maintain positive outlooks about its effectiveness.

Many users say Metabolife does exactly what it claims. They say it gives them energy and helps curb their appetite.

Marketing major Courtney Campbell said she uses Metabolife because it gives her energy enabling her to stay awake longer.

Metabolife's recent popularity could be from word of mouth. Most student users said they heard about it from a friend.

"I started using Metabolife because one of my friends said she lost five dress sizes," psychology major Brea Fowler said.

Fowler said she recently increased her dosage to four tablets a day to improve her appearance for spring.

"I have found that if I take it consistently, I lose weight. I took it for a month and lost about 10 pounds," Fowler said.

Campbell has also lost weight using the product, but takes it mostly for extra energy.

Campbell has not noticed negative side effects and Fowler said the only results she experienced were positive.

"I have noticed that when I don't take it, I am more groggy," she said. However, Gerald Wilmes, Student Health Center medical director, does not recommend Metabolife.

"Anybody who thinks they need help from a supplement to lose weight, needs to seek guidance from a professional, in my opinion," Wilmes said.

Wilmes said Metabolife can be harmful, due to the use of natural chemicals in the formula.

"Ephedrine can be a stimulant in the system," Wilmes said. "Every individual is different, but it does have the potential to cause harm."

Still, Wilmes said weight may be lost while taking Metabolife.

"I am not saying you won't lose weight, but historically when using such products, lost weight is regained when you stop using the product," Wilmes said.

# Elementary principal to resign

by Blake Drehle  
Chief Reporter

Resignations dominated the action in the Maryville School Board meeting Wednesday night.

Superintendent Gary Bell announced the resignation of Eugene Field Elementary principal Barbara Heckathorn, elementary secretary and office manager Charlotte DeMott and middle school paraprofessional Fran Gabrielson effective June 30.

Heckathorn and DeMott indicated their desire to pursue other interests while Gabrielson will be retiring at the end of the school year after 19 years with the district.

Bell did not comment on the resignations but wished them his best.

Recommendations for assistant superintendent with a two year contract were brought up by Bell. He recommended current assistant superintendent B.C. Thompson and high school principal Ron Landherr as applicants for the position.

The Board also discussed the meeting of Bell, Northwest President Dean Hubbard and two other superintendents from the Northwest District in their discussion of the math and science academy planned for Northwest.

"I feel that we can serve as a fiscal agent for the academy if requested to do so by the University and by the State Department of Education," Bell said.



"I see it as a real option for a select group of students and we will be as cooperative with the University and the State Department as I feel we can be."

# Service group promotes alcohol, drug awareness

by Stephanie Clarkin  
Chief Reporter

One service organization is active in making people aware of issues that are of concern to the community such as alcohol abuse, tobacco, drugs and violence.

Maryville is one of 150 active teams that make up Community 2000, a statewide organization sponsored by the Missouri Department of Mental Health division of alcohol and drug abuse.

The Maryville plan is to develop a more unified and comprehensive approach to address alcohol and drug issues said Margaret Pierson, Maryville Community 2000 team

leader. Community 2000 deals with tobacco and alcohol misuse issues and hopes to change the social norms in these areas.

"The community feels we do have a problem of drinking alcohol and I certainly agree with that," said Arnold Lindaman, Community 2000 member and Outreach coordinator.

Alcohol affects different segments of society. So it is important to have a cross section of people from different age groups and professions involved with Community 2000, Pierson said.

Members of Community 2000 are educators, parents, college and

high school students, law enforcement professionals, health care and government employees.

Lindaman agreed the group's array of members is beneficial.

"Community 2000 has representatives of various walks of life and that is its strength," Lindaman said.

Community 2000 has done several projects in the past to address their concerns on alcohol and drug misuse. Some of the projects include sponsoring a training session on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effects, sponsoring a parenting class and starting a parent and teen forum.

In addition, to these projects the group has organized funding and

utilization of Fatal Vision Goggles. The purpose of the goggles is to give students a chance to see what it would be like to function while intoxicated.

Along with the group's projects the organization works actively with the high school group, Trend Spirit which has similar interests.

"We learn about leadership training and we recruit students to go to the training," Pierson said.

Community 2000 worked with Trend Spirit on a Hi-step training program, Feb. 10, teaching high school students to be a mentor and a role model for the youth.

The Maryville Community 2000 team won an award for providing

alcohol and drug prevention and education to the community. Maryville was nominated for the award by Gary Hillebrand, Prevention Specialist Community 2000.

"I am honored that our Maryville Community 2000 team was recognized for their strong commitment and involvement addressing tobacco and alcohol misuse issues," Pierson said.

Along with this award the Maryville team was awarded a \$3,000 grant to continue its efforts. Each Community 2000 team has the opportunity to apply for a mini-grant every six months. The money will be used to address the upcoming projects.

## Impeachment hearings close; senators share views on president's acquittal

Senate Vote		
Article I	45	55
Article II	50	50

"Some might see a vote to acquit as expedient, but such a vote would be against the evidence and I could not do further damage to our culture by disregarding my oath."

■ Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo.

"The House Manager has made a clear and convincing case to me that the President made a series of calculated choices designed to frustrate and obstruct justice in order to suit his best interest."

■ Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo.

Source: <http://pbs.org/newshour/impeachment>

Kaori Nagai/Graphics Editor

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The Recreation Center (in Lamkin Activity Center):

Tuesday Feb. 23, 3-6 p.m. & Wednesday Feb. 24, 3-6 p.m.

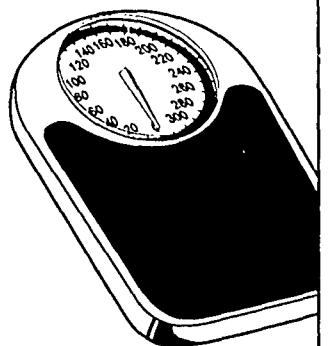
Cats' Food Court (outside of Sweets and Treats and Tower Grill):

Monday Feb. 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & Thursday Feb. 25, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Counseling Center (Wells Hall 120):

Monday Feb. 22, 8-11 a.m. & Wednesday Feb. 24, 8-11 a.m.

All information and services are FREE to students. No pre-registration is required for activities at the Rec. Center or the Food Court. However, for information meetings at the Counseling Center it would be helpful to call ahead (562-1220) to assure staff availability.





## PUBLIC SAFETY

## Monday, Feb. 8

■ Michael L. Wells, 21, Savannah, was served a Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear. He was released after posting bond.

■ While parked, John Q. Pawling, Maryville, was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

■ A Maryville male reported he had been threatened by another male.

## Tuesday, Feb. 9

■ A Maryville male reported he had been assaulted by another male.

■ A Maryville male reported person(s) had entered his residence and taken a duffle bag full of clothes, three Sony Play Station cartridges and two Altec black stereo speakers. Estimated loss valued at \$310.

■ Following an incident at Wal-Mart in which a 3/8 inch pneumatic wrench was taken without being paid for, Tony D. Roach, 27, Mount Ayr, Iowa, was issued a summons for larceny. He was held on bond. Loss valued at \$32.94.

■ An officer was advised of a parking sign being struck in the 400 block of West Sixth Street. Upon investigation, contact was made with Eric M. Halligan, Maryville. Halligan stated he was westbound on West Sixth Street attempting to park when his foot slipped off the brake and he struck the parking sign. A citation was issued to Halligan for failure to report an accident.

■ An officer received a complaint of possible animal abuse in the 600 block of East First Street. Charges are pending.

## Wednesday, Feb. 10

■ An officer stopped a vehicle in the 1400 block of South Main Street on a license plate violation. While running a check on the driver, Wade L. Mercer, 75, Stanberry, it was determined he had a warrant from Harrison County for passing bad checks. Mercer was issued a citation for using plates of another vehicle and was held for Harrison County on the warrant.

■ A Ford was towed from the 700 block of West College Avenue where it was illegally parked.

■ A Maryville female reported the theft of her purse from her vehicle while it was parked in the 100 block of Summit Drive. It contained \$38.87 cash and a tan cigarette case with cigarettes and a lighter.

■ A Maryville male reported the theft of two compact discs from his vehicle.

## Thursday, Feb. 11

■ An officer was on patrol in the 500 block of North Main Street when he observed a vehicle driving over the posted speed limit. The vehicle was stopped and while talking with the driver, Kerry J. Goodrich, 20, Prole, Iowa, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated after she could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit.

■ A 1989 Ford was towed from the 900 block of West Third Street where it was illegally parked.

■ A Maryville male reported that a

building owned by him had two windows broken out by person(s) throwing cans at the windows. A sign on the side of the building had also been damaged.

■ Delores A. Collins, Maryville, was attempting to enter traffic from a private drive in the 1300 block of South Main Street and struck Matthew J. Wenzel, Maryville, who was northbound on South Main Street. A citation was issued to Collins for failure to yield.

## Friday, Feb. 12

■ An officer observed a vehicle in the 300 block of West Fourth Street travelling westbound in the wrong lane of traffic. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Tara K. Schramm, 32, North Branch, Mich. While talking with her an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated after she could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ A 16-year-old Maryville female was referred to a juvenile officer for littering following an incident in the 100 block of North Main Street. She had "flicked" a cigarette out of a vehicle window which landed on a parked vehicle.

■ Karla D. Jewell, Maryville, stopped at a posted stop sign at West Seventh and North Buchanan streets. She proceeded into the intersection, striking Tiffany K. Peterson, Maryville, who was eastbound on West Seventh Street. A citation was issued to Jewell for failure to yield.

■ Franklin D. Johnson, Darlington, stated he pulled from a private drive and headed north on South Main Street when he observed Kenneth D. James, Hopkins, stopped in traffic. Johnson applied his brakes and also made contact with the gas pedal, causing him to strike James. A citation was issued to Johnson for careless and imprudent driving.

## Saturday, Feb. 13

■ A Maryville male reported that an entryway door frame at his residence had been damaged by someone kicking the door open. Nothing was found to be missing from his residence.

■ An officer at East Fourth and North Market streets observed a vehicle back from a parking space and accelerate at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Brant J. Bauer, 19, Maryville. While talking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued citations for excessive acceleration and driving with a suspended license.

■ An officer in the 300 block of West Seventh Street observed a male subject in possession of an alcoholic beverage. He was identified as James T. Dixon, 18, Maryville, and was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol.

■ Dustin M. Hanig, Quitman, was northbound in the 1700 block of South Main Street when he slowed and was struck from behind by a driver who then left the scene.

## Sunday, Feb. 14

■ A fire unit responded to a grass fire north of Maryville. The fire was brought under control. The land owner started a grass fire which got

out of control.

■ Deena R. Dobbins, 23, Parnell, was served a municipal court warrant for failure to appear and an Andrew County warrant for passing bad checks. She was released after posting bond.

■ Cory S. VanPelt, 22, Maryville, was served a warrant from DeKalb County for minor in possession of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle. He was released after posting bond.

■ Jessi L. Peterson, Britt, Iowa, was crossing West First Street in the 900 block and failed to yield to Steven W. Lawson, Quitman, who was eastbound on West First Street. Lawson struck Peterson on the driver's side. A citation was issued to Peterson for failure to yield. Both Peterson and Lawson received probably-not apparent injuries. Lawson's passenger, Sheryl Meiregard, Maryville, received evident-not disabling injuries.

## Monday, Feb. 15

■ An officer stopped a vehicle in the 800 block of College Avenue after he observed it driving in the middle of the roadway. The driver was identified as Jonathan A. Buchen, 20, Liberty. An alcoholic beverage was observed in the vehicle. Buchen was issued citations for minor in possession of alcohol, careless and imprudent driving and driving with a suspended license.

■ Brandon R. Sells, Rulo, Neb., started west from a stop sign at West 11th and North Mulberry streets. Brenton A. Woodburn, Maryville, was northbound on Mulberry. Sells was in Woodburn's path of travel. Woodburn applied rear brakes to his motorcycle and slid into the side of Sells. A citation was issued to Sells for failure to yield. Woodburn received evident-not apparent injuries.

## NODAWAY SHERIFF

## Tuesday, Jan. 26

■ A Graham subject reported a burglary to their residence.

## Friday, Jan. 29

■ Ryan Meyerkorth, 19, Maryville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was released after the mandatory eight hours.

## Saturday, Jan. 30

■ A Braddyville subject reported a burglary to their business.

## Sunday, Jan. 31

■ A Maryville subject reported property damage to their vehicle.

## Monday, Feb. 1

■ A Conception Junction subject reported a theft from their vehicle.

## Tuesday, Feb. 2

■ David C. Sharp, 20, Kansas City, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for reporting a false bomb threat. He was released after posting bond.

■ A Skidmore subject reported telephone harassment.

■ A Burlington Junction subject reported a domestic assault at their residence.

■ A Hopkins subject reported a theft from their farm.

## Wednesday, Feb. 3

■ Scott M. Jenkins, 21, Conception Junction, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He is being held in the Nodaway County Jail in lieu of a \$5,000 bond.

■ A Skidmore subject reported a burglary to their residence.

## Thursday, Feb. 4

■ Cynthia K. McCoy, 27, Bedford, Iowa, was arrested on a Kansas warrant for probation violation. She was released after posting bond.

## Monday, Feb. 8

■ A Maryville subject reported a theft at their residence.

■ A Ravenwood subject reported property damage at the Ravenwood Park.

## Tuesday, Feb. 9

■ An Elmo subject reported a domestic assault at their residence.

■ A Burlington Junction subject reported a theft at the school.

## Wednesday, Feb. 10

■ A Maryville subject reported a theft from their garage.

■ Luke D. Edick, 17, Barnard, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear on charges of minor in possession of alcohol. He was released after posting bond.

■ A Clyde subject reported receiving harassing phone calls at their residence.

## CAMPUS SAFETY

## Thursday, Feb. 4

■ A Phillips Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

■ Officers investigated a report of vandalism to a vehicle parked behind Phillips and Millikan halls. The investigation revealed two suspects who were issued summonses for vandalism.

■ Officers investigated a possible property damage in progress in the lower parking lot behind Hudson Hall. The report was unfounded.

## Friday, Feb. 5

■ Officers responded to a fire alarm in Dieterich Hall. The alarm was unfounded.

■ Officers responded to a medical emergency in Hudson Hall. The patient was evaluated and transported to St. Francis Hospital for further evaluation.

## Sunday, Feb. 7

■ Officers responded to a student in Dieterich Hall displaying inappropriate behavior. The student was issued a summons for possession of a weapon and inappropriate behavior.

■ A vehicle was stopped on campus for failure to observe a stop sign. The driver was issued a University traffic citation for failure to observe a stop sign and a Missouri state summons for operating a vehicle with a suspended license.

## Tuesday, Feb. 9

■ Officers responded to a fire alarm in Roberta Hall. The alarm was unfounded.

## Thursday, Feb. 11

■ Officers investigated an accident behind the Administration Building. A University traffic citation was issued for failure to yield while backing.

■ Officers investigated an accident in the Franken and Phillips hall parking lot. A University traffic citation was issued for failure to observe a stop sign.

## Friday, Feb. 12

■ Officers stopped a vehicle for

driving on the sidewalk. The driver, Jacob Ruiz, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol and issued a University traffic citation for driving off the roadway.

■ A Hudson Hall resident reported the theft of a computer from their room.

## Saturday, Feb. 13

■ Officers responded to a medical emergency in Martindale Gym. The patient was evaluated and transported to St. Francis Hospital for further evaluation.

## Sunday, Feb. 14

■ Officers investigated a report of a fire alarm in Dieterich Hall. The alarm was unfounded.

■ Officers recovered three marijuana cigarettes from Phillips Hall.

■ Officers recovered a large knife from the parking lot west of the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. A summons was issued.

## NEW ARRIVALS

## Katie Jo Taylor

Kelly and Melanie Taylor, Villisca, Iowa, are the parents of Katie Jo Taylor, born Feb. 6 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and joins one brother, Daniel, and one sister, Jessica.

Her grandparents are Beverly Thompson, Maryville; David Thompson, Maryville; and Lynn and Sandy Taylor, Villisca, Iowa.

Her great-grandparents are Paul and Lou Fuller, Maryville; Hazel Penwell, Villisca, Iowa; and Thelma Taylor, Villisca, Iowa.

## OBITUARIES

## Maxine Brackett

Maxine Brackett, 71, Skidmore, died Feb. 5 at IHS in Tarkio.

She was born July 17, 1927, to Thomas and Hannah Elliott in Paulina, Iowa.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Johnson and Linda Pelkey; one son, Stephen; four sisters, Grace Anderson, Gwen Pickens, Marge Riebesell and Ruth Elliott; one brother, Bill Elliot; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were 1 p.m. Friday at the Living Faith Assembly of God Church in Leavenworth, Kan. Burial was at the National Cemetery in

## BODY SHOP

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while in high school he attended classes at Northwest Technical School in Maryville.

Because Jason was a junior he had difficulties getting into the program. The policy allowed only seniors to attend.

Jason's mother wrote a letter to the school board requesting the policy be changed, so juniors would be able to participate in the program as well.

Jason knew if he began the program his junior year, by the time he graduated high school, he would be prepared to begin his own business.

Susie's request was granted and Jason was admitted to the Northwest Technical school as a junior. He completed the two-year program and earned a collision repair certificate his senior year.

Jason's instructor, Steve Townsend, worked with him frequently and came to know him as an individual.

Leavenworth, Kan.

## Drexel Lewis

Drexel Lewis, 54, Maryville, died Feb. 9 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Jan. 30, 1945, to Milo and Helen Lewis in Nodaway County.

Survivors include his stepmother, Betty Lewis; six sisters, Carol Jean Hines, Shirley Lewis, Becky Jo Chard, Joy Renee Barton, Patty Lewis and Tammy Lewis; three brothers, Gary Kelley, Larry Lewis and Bill Lewis; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were 2 p.m. Friday at the First Christian Church in Maryville. Burial was at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Parnell.

## Lester Kelmel

Lester C. Kelmel, 86, St. Joseph, died Feb. 7 at his home.

He was born July 14, 1912 to Valentine and Ida Kelmel in Barnard.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; one son, Terry; two daughters, Carmelita Wiederholt and Izana Buetzer; one stepson, Ray Budine; two stepdaughters, Barbara Ballard and Becky Cruz; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Services were 11 a.m. Feb. 10 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Maryville. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Maryville.

## Tanya Law

Tanya Lee Law, 45, Graham, died Feb. 15 on U.S. Highway 71 south of Maryville.

She was born March 22, 1953, to Charles and Alice Turner.

She is survived by two daughters, Tabitha and Nichole Law; one son, Bradley Law; her mother, Alice Turner; and two brothers, Dennis and Mark Turner.

Services were 11 a.m. Thursday at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was 3 p.m. Thursday at the Mound Grove Cemetery in Independence.

## Lee Thomson

Lee Davidson Thomson, 88, Maryville, died Feb. 13 at Parkdale Manor Nursing Home in Maryville.

She was born Sept. 16, 1910, to Alex and Christena Thomson in Fairfax.

She is survived by one sister-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday at the National Cemetery in Leavenworth, Kan.

"Jason is an energetic and very intelligent young man," Townsend said. "He would work hard day and night. He applied what he learned, not only in my shop, but in his as well."

Jason said he gained most of his experience while working at Weidherolt Body and Frame in Stanberry.

"I learned the most there because I had more hands-on experience," he said. "There was something different to be done every day. I liked that. I have Leon and Kala [owners] to thank for some of what I've accomplished."

As a business owner, Jason said he likes knowing he can please his customers.

"I get satisfaction out of seeing my customers happy," he said. "When people appreciate my work, when they come in and say, 'Wow,' that's what I like most."

Townsend said Jason has what it takes to do well.

"He's very devoted to the business," Townsend said. "He'll definitely be a success."

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# The doll with it all turns 40

by Heather Butler

A cultural icon that resides in the homes of almost every girl in America is celebrating her 40th anniversary this month. Barbie Millicent Roberts is her name and she has been a role model for girls of all ages and a target for critics since her creation. Barbie was introduced at the American International Toy Fair in 1959 by Ruth and Elliott Handler, founders of Mattel. Barbie was instantly successful and today is responsible for 40 percent of Mattel's revenue. According to Mattel, two Barbies are sold every second in the United States. On average each American girl owns eight Barbies, creating a profit of \$1.9 billion each year.

The idea for Barbie came when Ruth Handler was watching her daughter play with paper dolls. She urged Mattel to make a three-dimensional doll similar to the paper dolls.

Since creation, Barbie has had more than 75 careers and has represented 45 nationalities.

"The power of Barbie is that she can be anything you want her to be," Amy Eiselman, director of Barbie marketing told the Chicago Sun-Times. "This is not a fad that gets old."

According to Eiselman, Barbie has remained popular because of how she reflects society over time. For example, Mattel recently came out with a Butterfly Art Barbie which has a



Marolyn Alloway stands with a small portion of her Barbie collection. Alloway has other collections as well, such as basketball cards and coins, but is partial to her Barbie dolls.

butterfly tattoo on her stomach.

"Barbie has always reflected the interests of girls through the ages," Eiselman said. "When she started she reflected what was going on in society and culture. Now Barbie is playing sports. She is just as relevant to girls now as to the girls who got their first Barbie 40 years ago."

Collecting Barbies has been a fad since her creation. Women around the world visit auctions and antique stores to find their favorite Barbies. Marolyn Alloway, Northwest data processing manager, has been collecting Barbies for the last 15 years. She got her start collecting Holiday Barbies.

"I really got into collecting Barbies

when they came out with the Holiday Barbie series 11 years ago," Alloway said. "I started getting groupings of them each year from McDonald's and the Hallmark miniatures."

Alloway said some Barbie collectors enjoy her so much because they never had Barbies when they were young. "I am older than Barbie so I never had a Barbie," she said. "So most of the people that collect Barbies when you watch and go places are people who never had them."

Alloway has collected over 300 McDonald's miniature Barbies and 200 actual Barbies. She has friends who have brought her Barbies from places as far away as India.

Barbie and Ken are introduced at the annual Toy Fair in New York

Barbie's little sister Skipper is introduced

Barbie becomes an astronaut nearly 20 years before Sally Ride

1970s Barbie wears up-to-the-minute fashions reflecting the "prairie" look, the granny dress, the California girl suntan craze and the glittery styles of the disco years

Barbie becomes a surgeon

Late 1970s Barbie's face is resculpted to a wide smile and her hair is sunstreaked

1980s Barbie becomes an aerobics instructor, a briefcase-carrying power executive and a couture-inspired sophisticate

Barbie becomes a business executive, a rock star and, for a second time, an astronaut

Barbie becomes a summit diplomat and an airline pilot; Barbie's Asian friend Kira is introduced

Barbie becomes a baseball player

Barbie's sister Kelly is introduced

Barbie celebrates her 40th birthday March 9

Early 1960s Barbie reflects Paris high fashion

Barbie becomes a college graduate; her best friend Midge is introduced

Barbie's face is resculpted to keep her current

Barbie's black friend Christie is introduced

## Fast facts on America's favorite doll, Mattel's Barbie

- Barbie is from Willows, Wis.
- Barbie's birthday is March 9; she is a Pisces.
- Placed head to toe, the number of Barbie dolls sold since 1959 would circle the earth more than seven times.
- Two Barbies are sold every second in the United States.
- The bestselling Barbie of all time was Totally Hair Barbie, whose hair reached her feet.
- The new Working Woman Barbie comes with a laptop and cell phone, as well as a real CD-ROM that allows a child to create her own business cards and stationary.
- The Barbie web site ([barbie.com](http://barbie.com)) allows you to create your own Barbie to purchase.

Barbie's best friend Midge is reintroduced; Teresa, a Hispanic doll, is introduced; Barbie becomes a UNICEF ambassador

Barbie becomes a presidential candidate; Barbie's sister Stacie is introduced

Barbie becomes an astronaut for the third time

Barbie becomes a dentist and paleontologist; Share a Smile Becky, Barbie's friend in a wheelchair, is introduced

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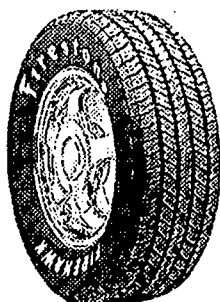
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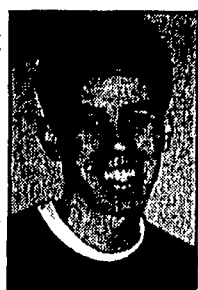
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## SPORTS

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## ON THE SIDELINES

Columnist  
quits rooting  
for Chiefs

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First off, I will admit that I am no longer a Chiefs fan. Call me a fair-weather fan or whatever other classifications you can come up with. Maybe I will be cheering for the Chiefs again next fall. But as of right now I don't consider myself a Chiefs fan.

Kansas City's disgraceful loss to the Denver Broncos on Monday Night

Football this past fall pretty much shattered my support of the Chiefs. Nonetheless, I was thrilled to see Shottenheimer leave the franchise. By the time the final week of the NFL season came around, I was enjoying my Christmas break in Wisconsin, watching the game on television and rooting not for the Chiefs, but for the hated rival Raiders. But the Chiefs baffled me by actually pulling it out, thus ending their season on a good note. Darn.

Then this week the Chiefs gave Kansas City another sign they want to follow in the Royals' footsteps by letting quarterback Rich Gannon beeline it to Oakland.

While he never was designated as "the starter," Gannon, who has been in the league for 11 seasons, has started in 58 of the 84 games he's appeared in.

He spent the last four seasons with the Chiefs and led Kansas City in passing last year, completing 206 of 354 passes for a career high 2,305 yards.

While Shottenheimer couldn't make up his mind at the quarterback position, Gannon started 10 games for the Chiefs last year, including a span where the Chiefs won three straight.

In 1997, while Elvis Grbac was sidelined, Gannon helped the Chiefs to a string of five straight wins, and propelled the Chiefs to a 13-3 record and the AFC West crown.

In the 58 games Gannon has started, his teams have a 31-27 record, and the Chiefs were 27-19 with Gannon as a starter during 1995-1998.

Before I could sit back and wait to see what the Chiefs would do for their next act, Kansas City said sayonara to cornerback Dale Carter. He reportedly signed a \$34.8 million deal with the Denver Broncos.

It will be interesting to see how the Chiefs solve their quarterback woes. Could it be former Bearcat quarterback Chris Greisen? Greisen is attending the NFL combine this weekend where he will be looked at by NFL teams and Northwest safety Daniel Keyes seemed to think it wasn't a bad idea in my math class the other day.

And I'll agree with him. In my opinion, Greisen is one of the best quarterbacks I've seen and I honestly think he could hold his own if given a chance in the NFL. Then again, pro football isn't my sport.

Mark Hornickel is the sports editor for The Northwest Missourian.

Northwest alum  
receives award

by Wendy Broker  
Assistant Sports Editor

A former Northwest tennis player will be honored by the U.S. Pro Tennis Association as the Pro of the Year for the state of Missouri, Saturday in St. Louis.

Kendall Hale, a 1991 graduate of Northwest and six year U.S.P.T.A. member, is receiving the honor for being the best pro, or tennis teacher, in Missouri in 1998. Pros not only teach but often run a facility, try to increase recognition of the sport and make a living teaching the game.

The award was quite a surprise for Hale. "I didn't even know I was nominated for the award, but it is quite a big honor," Hale said. "I know quite a few people all just as deserving of it. Tennis is such a remarkable sport, I teach people anywhere from age 4 to 94."

The U.S.P.T.A. judges nominees on community service, accomplishments and experience.

In addition to teaching lessons at the Plaza Tennis Center, Hale donates his time to charity. He teaches lessons to families at the Ronald McDonald House, works with the Waterman Foundation - a group that helps out inner city kids - teaching tennis and donates lessons to charity auctions.

He is the full-time men's and women's tennis coach at Rockhurst College in Kansas City, and was named Midwest Regional Coach of the Year last year, as a part-time coach.

During his time at Northwest, Hale won the MIAA singles championship in 1991, and played on the men's team that finished No. 14 in the nation.

"It makes me feel really proud that he came from our program," Northwest tennis coach Mark Rosewell said. "He was a good player here. He's a good person and a good coach. His team (at Rockhurst) is Division II now and very competitive. He was really solid as a player and a good student as well. He's the kind you wish all of them were like."

## Men fall in final 2 minutes

by Mark Hornickel  
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team was driven into overtime for the second time in two games, but was handed a loss by Washburn University Wednesday night.

The Ichabods dropped the Bearcats, 75-71, and virtually sealed a matchup between the two teams at Washburn in the first round of the MIAA Tournament which begins Monday.

The 'Cats held a 59-58 lead with two minutes remaining in regulation, but Washburn junior forward Larry Farmer made a layup to give the Ichabods their first lead since the opening minutes of the contest.

Then, with 53 seconds left, senior forward Matt Redd nailed a three-pointer to put Northwest in front, but Washburn senior guard Sam Willis hit a jumper with 36 seconds remaining to send the game into overtime.

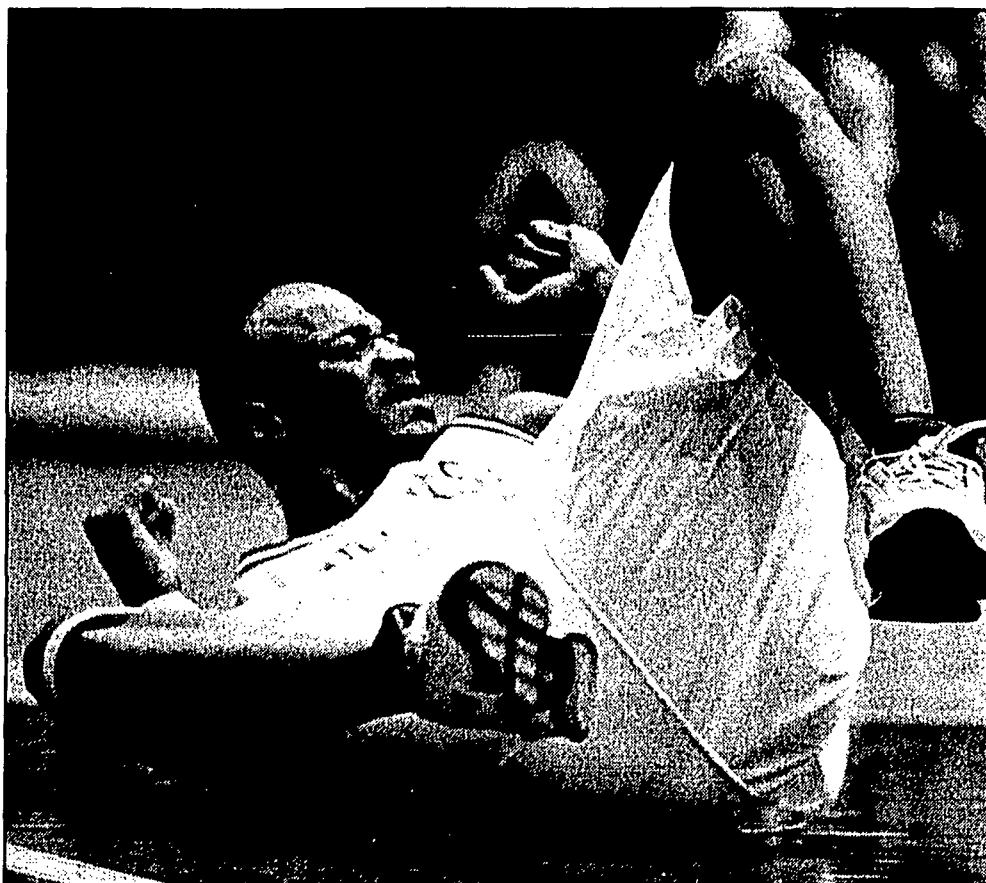
In the extra period, the Ichabods scored the first two points and held the edge the rest of the way.

Washburn took as much as a 75-68 lead in the closing seconds, but Redd, who scored a game-high 26 points in his final appearance at Bearcat Arena, hit a three-pointer with one second remaining.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said the 'Cats, who dropped to 17-8 overall and 8-7 in the conference, had their chances.

"It's an awfully tough loss because we had it at the point where you felt like you just about had it in hand, and it really opened the door back up with a couple plays," Tappmeyer said. "It's one of those where you thought you were going to bring it home, and you don't. Those hurt. Especially because this game had a lot riding on it."

Northwest's lead was as



Senior guard Marcus Glenn crashes to the floor and winces in pain after a failed dunk. Glenn's collapse summarized the Bearcats' final minutes of Wednesday night's game against Washburn University. The 'Cats lost 75-71 in overtime.

large as 13 points early in the second half, but the Ichabods used a 1-3-1 zone defense to thwart the 'Cats.

"We haven't played against any 1-3-1s and we didn't attack it very aggressively," he said. "We hadn't really practiced it much because we hadn't seen them play it on the tapes we got from them. It was a good move. I really thought we survived that. We hit a couple threes and got to the free throw line a couple times after we had kind of gotten in the groove against it, and then came back and had the eight or 10 point lead and just made some silly turnovers."

Although, the 'Cats have one game remaining on their regular season schedule, Northwest will turn its focus to the MIAA Tournament which begins Monday. The 'Cats, who are ranked fifth in the conference, will travel to Topeka to take on fourth-place Washburn (19-9 overall, 10-5 in the MIAA) in the first round.

"We go on the road which you'd like to not have to do, but you go on the road against this team and you see that they're pretty tough," Tappmeyer said. "We'll definitely prepare for their zone and we think we should know that we can play with them

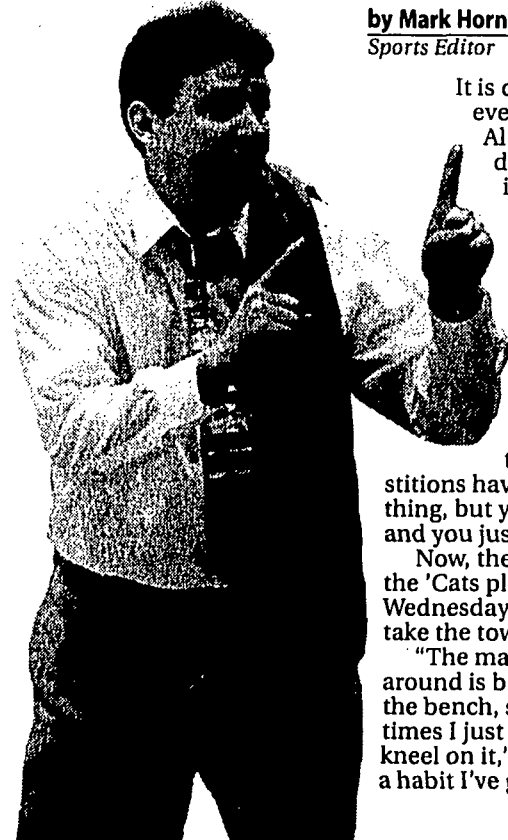
and can beat them. But their home court is a big factor to them. They really have a good home court advantage. It will be a tough game, but we don't have much time to regroup."

The 'Cats will take on MIAA-rival Missouri Western State College in their final regular season game. The contest will be 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Missouri Western.

"Maybe it's a good time for that game because both teams are going to be up for that game regardless," Tappmeyer said. "This is a hard game to come off of, but we'll be ready to compete."

## Towel becomes habit for coach

by Mark Hornickel  
Sports Editor



It is draped over his shoulders at every home basketball game.

Although it did not happen much during Wednesday night's game, it has been thrown high up into the air in an act of frustration.

It is the infamous green towel of men's head basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer.

In the last 11 years, Tappmeyer's trademark towel has been a part of 180 wins.

"I'm a little superstitious," he said. "I'd like to think that that's not my belief that superstitions have that much to do with anything, but you get things that you've done and you just don't change them."

Now, the towel will likely be put away as the 'Cats played their last home game Wednesday night and Tappmeyer does not take the towel with him on road trips.

"The main reason I like to carry a towel around is because I kneel a lot in front of the bench, so when I go down, a lot of times I just throw the towel down and kneel on it," Tappmeyer said. "So it's kind of a habit I've gotten into and I got it there

when guys come off to wipe their hands, or whatever. It's not a big deal. It's a deal where on the road I kind of take a little bit of heat about. They think it's your security blanket or something."

Tappmeyer, who has the longest tenure of any men's head coach in Northwest history, has used the towel since he began coaching at the University in 1988.

"It gets put away in a safe place over the summer," Tappmeyer said. "And after losses, it gets washed. If we win, it doesn't get washed. So if we get on a streak, it stinks pretty bad by the time the streak ends."

Tappmeyer said the players have never teased him about his coveted towel, but it does not go unnoticed.

"Well, he looks a lot like Jerry Tarkanian over there on the sidelines," senior forward Matt Redd said. "I have noticed that he really likes to use it as a device this year for when he's upset with a bad call. He's added that to his repertoire."

While fans may look at it with curiosity, it is nothing more than an old towel to Tappmeyer.

"It's just a towel that, my first year here, I grabbed out of the closet at home and brought it over. Then we got on the road and started playing some good basketball, so it's seen a lot of wins, but seen a lot of losses too," he said.

Lady Blues  
derail 'Cats'  
tournament  
plans, 73-54

by Shannon Ross  
Missourian Reporter

As the 'Cats fight for a spot in the post-season tournament, they hope to win their remaining regular season game.

The Bearcats still control their own destiny. They currently hold a one-game lead over 9th-place University of Missouri-Rolla for the last spot in the MIAA tournament. In the event of a tie, it may come down to the fourth tie-breaker, in which the team with the most Division II victories prior to MIAA Conference play will be considered the winner.

Before Wednesday's game started, Northwest women's basketball head coach Wayne Winstead awarded junior center Denise Sump a basketball for hitting the 1,000-point mark in her career. Sump has now scored 1,020 points as a Bearcat and needs 205 more points to crack the all-time Northwest top 10 in scoring.

"I am very happy to hit the 1,000 career mark in scoring, but without my teammates it would have never been possible," Sump said.

The Bearcats tipped off their home finale against the Washburn University Lady Blues in Bearcat Arena Wednesday. Prior to the game, the Lady Blues had shot 87.5 percent (35-of-40) from the foul line.

The 'Cats ran their offense well in the first half and only trailed by four at halftime, 30-26. However, Northwest was faced with second half woes as they shot just 36 percent.

The Lady Blues were able to cause turnovers in the second half, which helped them get a 73-54 win.

Sump led the Bearcats with 15 points and tied junior forward Linda Mattson with 10 rebounds.

Mattson has averaged 12.0 points and 8.3 rebounds, while shooting 15-of-26 from the field.

The 'Cats have had trouble holding onto the ball this season, and their turnover ratio has been a factor. The Bearcats have turned the ball over 478 times, an average of 21.7 per game.

"Turnovers have been the factor that has hurt us most throughout a number of our games this season," Winstead said. "We need to get to where we can take care of the ball and then our offense will run more smoothly."

The Bearcats faced Central Missouri State University Saturday night at Bearcat Arena. The 'Cats played a competitive first half and outscored the Jennies 25-13.

After halftime Central came out with a full court press, which caught Northwest off guard. The Jennies put 45 points on the board during the second half and beat Northwest 58-50.

Mattson led the team with 15 points and eight rebounds. Junior forward Brandi Grigsby-Shannon and junior center Denise Sump added nine and eight points, respectively.

Losing to Central was disappointing, especially after leading at the half, Winstead said.

"We came out in the first half playing tough defense which helped us lead by 12 points at the half," Winstead said. "But Central came out real hard with a tough full court press and we had problems adjusting to it."

The last regular season game for the 'Cats will be against arch-rival Missouri Western State College at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in St. Joseph.

## Five Maryville grapplers qualify for state competition

by Blake Drehle  
Chief Reporter

After winning the Class 1A-2A District 8 title and sending 11 wrestlers to sectionals in Smithville, five Maryville grapplers will continue to the Missouri State High School Association Wrestling Championships this weekend in Columbia.

"As a group we wrestled fairly well on Saturday by placing five into state, but there were some wrestlers that really put in a good effort and were unable to qualify," head coach Joe Drake said.

The grapplers going to state should be focused when they go into action, although it is the first time for all of them with the exception of senior D. J. Merrill, Drake said.

"When they start wrestling they will realize how difficult it will be for them, but they have had obstacles like this in front of them all season which helped them to become more experienced in what to do," Drake said.

Placing the highest for the Spoofhounds was Merrill (140 lbs.), who finished second in his weight class. He wrestled at state in the 140 lb. weight class last year.

Merrill said even though it is an honor to return to state, he was disappointed in not winning sectionals.

"Overall, I wrestled well, but I was unable to get the job done, losing in the final round of my weight class," he said. "I believe that



Sophomore heavyweight wrestler Noah Bond pins one of his opponents in Saturday's sectional wrestling tournament in Smithville. Five Spoofhound grapplers qualified for the state tournament Thursday through Saturday in Columbia.

Jennifer Meyer/  
Photography Editor

the loss will motivate me to do better at state."

Even though the first wrestler Merrill will face is ranked second individually in Missouri, he believes he still can do well.

"I know it won't be easy to get the win in the first round of state, but I do believe if I can put in a good effort I will be all right," Merrill said.

Freshman Ken Hanna (125 lbs.) was the second highest qualifier for the 'Hounds, finishing third in his weight class.

Losing the first match he wrestled was the motivation factor for Hanna to defy the odds and to place for state.

"I did pretty good in overcoming the loss I had in the first round," Hanna said. "After I lost that match by one point, I knew I could come back and place, which I was able to do."

Senior Justin Dredge (112 lbs.), junior Eric Beacons (152 lbs.) and sophomore Jesse Reed (189 lbs.) all took fourth place in their weight classes.

Things will not be any easier for Dredge once he gets to state competition. He will wrestle against last year's state champion and the top-ranked wrestler in the state at the 112 lb. weight class, he said.

"The first match is against the first ranked wrestler in state which means that I will have to really be focused going into state Thursday," Dredge said. "It is my first year to qualify for state and being that it will be the last few days I will be wrestling, I want to be able to enjoy as well."



## Runners prepare for MIAA

by Wendy Broker  
Assistant Sports Editor

The indoor track teams are making their final stop of the regular season Friday and Saturday at the MIAA conference championship in Warrensburg.

The men hope to compete well and top last year's fifth-place conference finish, while challenging for the MIAA title.

"Our goal is to, without a doubt, win the conference championship," men's head coach Rich Alsop said. "Our guys think we have a good shot at it. We are certainly not a shoe-in, but we have competed tough all year. We'll just have to put it all together and see if it's enough. I have a good feeling about conference."

Alsop said the men's biggest competition will be Central Missouri State University and Emporia State University.

However, the 'Cats have added freshman high jumper Stephen Thomas and junior pole vaulter Gavin Johnson to their ranks in time for the MIAA meet.

The men are coming into the meet after a preparatory meet at the NIAC Invitational last Saturday.

Sophomore Frank Taylor took second in the high jump, while junior Matt Abele placed second in the 200-meter dash and fifth in the long jump. Sophomores Mike Ostreko and Tucker Woolsey placed fifth in the mile run and shot put, respectively.

Freshman Ryan Miller provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II Championships with his sixth place vault of 15-feet 8 1/4 inches.

### Women hope for top four finish

The women's focus has turned to the conference meet Saturday in Warrensburg, where they will defend the MIAA championship title.

The team is young and rebuilding, but goals still stand strong, head coach Vicki Wooton said.

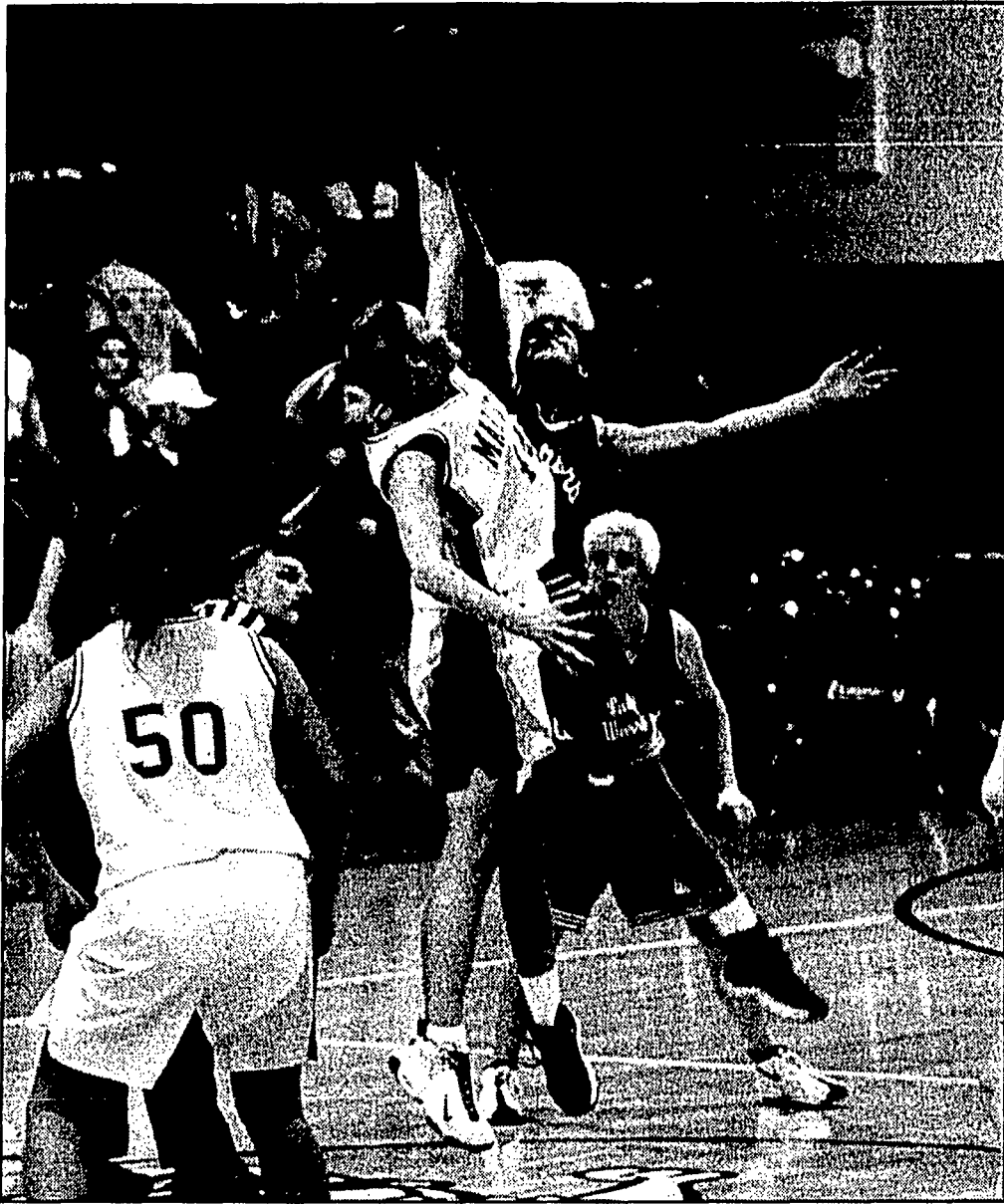
"We hope to finish in the top four," Wooton said. "It's going to be very competitive. We want to continue to improve personal performances like we have been. We also hope to win the two-mile relay. There will be a lot of young athletes there. The team that wins will be the team that pulls it all together and that can match its best performance list."

The Bearcats competed at the NIAC meet Saturday to prepare for the upcoming MIAA championship.

Junior Becca Glasel led the women at the NIAC meet winning the 5000-meter run. The 4x800-meter relay team finished second, missing the school record time. Sophomore Jill Robinson took third in the 800-meter run. Sophomores Jill Stanley and Diana Hughes took fifth in the high jump and long jump, respectively.

"We were competitive at NIAC and improved a lot individually," Wooton said. "And that's good because now we can go into the conference meet confident and consistently improving times, and distances in jumps. In practice we are letting our legs rest as much as possible, and hopefully our naging injuries will get to feeling better as we get ready for conference."

# 'Hound girls fall to Pirates, 50-45



Junior Keri Lohafer tips the ball to her teammates at the beginning of last Thursday evening's match-up against the Smithville Warriors. The girls went into overtime, losing the game, 50-45.

by Blake Drehle  
Chief Reporter

It was an up and down week for the Maryville girls basketball team as they lost, 50-45, on the road against the Platte County Pirates Tuesday night.

Before the loss to the Pirates, the Spoofhounds had lost their fourth straight home game Thursday to Smithville, 38-35 in overtime, before winning their first conference road game of the season Saturday at Cameron, 55-40.

The girls' record dropped to 12-12 overall and 1-5 in the conference. "Two things really hurt us in the loss to Platte County and that was going 9 for 23 at the free-throw line and a poor defensive game by allowing the Pirates to grab 21 offensive boards," head coach Jeff Martin said.

Leading the 'Hounds were senior forward Erin Heflin and freshman guard Hailey Lawyer both with 10.

The 'Hounds will finish regular season conference play Friday. Games will start with the freshman girls at 5 p.m. at St. Joseph Lafayette.

"They are a really good shooting team with four girls that shoot really well at the three-point-line and very hard to defend," Martin said. "It will not be a very easy game for us defensively, but I know that everybody is going to try their hardest."

An advantage and a disadvantage for the team against the Cardinals will be playing them twice in four days as the teams will meet again in the first round of districts, Heflin said.

"Being able to play Lafayette twice in the span of a couple of days will be an advantage for us, getting to know how to play them stronger defensively and know what mistakes to correct on," Heflin said. "The disadvantage is that they will know what corrections they will need to make against us. What we don't want to do is make too many mistakes in the latter stages of the game."

Martin said the team is making improvements with each game but the offense still is encountering problems with shooting the ball well.

"We are trying to get to the basket more aggressively and drawing more fouls, but rule out the win Saturday and the offense is not shooting as well as we need to be," he said.



**Maryville 45**  
**Platte Co. 50**

### TOP SCORERS

**Maryville:** Hailey Lawyer, Erin Heflin, 10  
**Platte Co.:** Leslie Solon, 15

## Maryville boys crush MEC rival

by Blake Drehle  
Chief Reporter

After tying the season's longest losing streak last week at two games, the Maryville boys basketball team was able to get back to winning by thrashing Platte County at home Monday night, 73-45, after losing last Friday at Smithville, 66-49.

Monday's victory came at a good time for the Spoofhounds. They were able to pick up their 20th victory of the season with the last home game of the year coming up Thursday, head coach Mike Kuwitzky said.

"After losing two conference games on the road we needed to come back and win this game because I told the team before the game how good it would feel for them to pick up their 20th win of the season," Kuwitzky said.

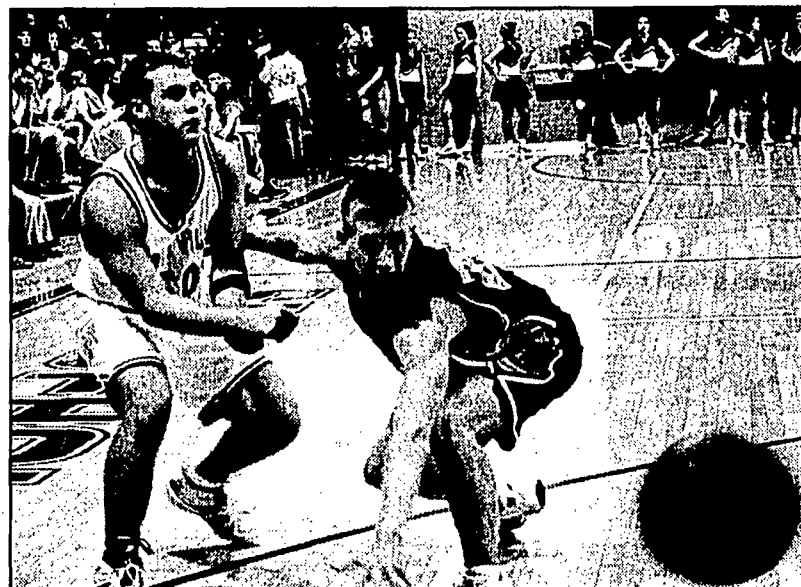
The Spoofhounds are undefeated at home so far this year. Their last home conference game of the



**Maryville 73**  
**Platte Co. 45**

### TOP SCORERS

**Maryville:** Ryan Morley, Dan McKim, 14  
**Platte Co.:** Spencer McMillian, 18



Spoofhound John Edmonds passes the ball around the arm of Platte County Pirate Ryan Nichols. Edmonds scored seven points in the 73-45 victory.

season is. Thursday against the St. Joseph Lafayette Irish. The freshman boys tip-off at 5 p.m.

"St. Joseph Lafayette is a good team with a lot of talent, size and quickness," Kuwitzky said. "Their record doesn't show it but they are team that can hang around with you."

Senior forward John Edmonds

said Thursday's game against the Irish will have special meaning for the seniors and the rest of the team.

"This game will be really important because it is the last game at home for the seniors and it will be a packed house for us to try to go out with a big victory into districts," Edmonds said.

Junior guard Pat Jordan said

Thursday's game will play a factor on the Spoofhounds, who stand at 20-4, outlook on districts.

"To get the victory will help us to boost our confidence and improve on our game after hitting a bump in the road last week," Jordan said. "To get those defeats hurt but helped us to realize that we need to play hard during each game."

In the game Monday against the Pirates, Maryville was able to click on all cylinders in the second half.

After playing catch-up in the first quarter, the 'Hounds took a 29-22 into halftime and came out in the second half on fire, never looking back, out-scoring Platte County 28-12 in the third quarter.

Senior center Ryan Morley and junior forward Dan McKim paced Maryville with 14 points each in the victory.

"I feel good about getting back on the winning track because we may have played the best ball of the season, and to keep play like this going comes at a perfect time with the start of districts next week," Kuwitzky said.

Edmonds said the victory felt good.

"We finally played pretty good, going out and having fun and playing the way we wanted to," Edmonds said. "To get the win feels good, but there is a lot of season left that we want to win."

## WEEKLY PLANNER

FEB. 18-24



### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday	Mo. West	7:30
Monday	MIAA Tourney	TBA
Wednesday	MIAA Tourney	TBA

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday	Mo. West	5:30
Monday	MIAA Tourney	TBA
Wednesday	MIAA Tourney	TBA

### INDOOR TRACK

Friday & Saturday	MIAA Championships	Warrensburg
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### BOYS' BASKETBALL

Tonight	Lafayette	5:00
Monday - Friday	District Tournament	TBA

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Friday	Lafayette	5:00
Monday - Friday	District Tournament	TBA

### WRESTLING

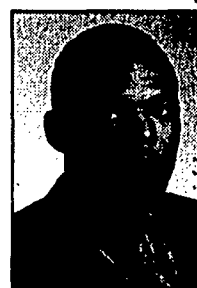
Today - Saturday	State Wrestling Tournament	Columbia
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All times are p.m. unless noted. Home games are bold.

## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### LeVant Williams

Senior forward LeVant Williams scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Bearcats in Saturday night's overtime win against Central Missouri State University. Williams grabbed an offensive rebound off of a missed free throw and tied the score 80-80, allowing the 'Cats to take the victory in overtime.



LeVant Williams

### Ryan Morley

Senior postman Ryan Morley led Maryville scorers in each of the last two games for the 20-4 'Hounds. Morley scored 22 points in a 66-49 loss to Smithville and tied junior forward Dan McKim by scoring 14 points in Monday's 73-45 victory over Platte County.



Ryan Morley

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## THE STROLLER

## 'Outbreak' of illness causes panic



## The Stroller

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Your Man expresses annoyance with classroom nose blowers

If you're able to physically pick up the paper this week, that would lead me to believe you're one of the only two people in the entire town who hasn't been stricken with the "Nodaway Plague."

What's going on? It's like the movie "Outbreak." I'm just waiting for that host monkey to lunge at my throat.

Every class I sit in has become an orchestra of coughing, sneezing and spitting. Do me a favor people. If you're that sick I will fax class notes to your bedside personally, but please stay home. No one wants to sit through classes, meetings or sporting events listening to you blow your nose every two minutes.

Incidentally, who are these people who feel the need to blow their noses so hard and so often? Maybe they haven't caught on yet that there is not one soul who enjoys hearing their free-flow of mucus.

I find it an interesting case study that people will get up and leave the room when having a coughing fit, yet they have no problem subjecting everyone and their mothers to the foghorn on their face. Leave the room, I beg you, nose-blowers.

Then there are those on the flip side of sickness. The holier-than-thou "I got my flu shot in October, why didn't you" people. They always seem to pop up just as you're feeling your worst. Bath and Body Works anti-bacterial hand gel in hand, they look you up and down with this half-appalled, half-queasy look on their face.

"Oh, you poor thing. You look terrible." Yeah, well, you're fat and I spit in your Aquafina when you weren't looking.

Meanwhile, over at the Health Center, they're turning people away in droves. I can't express to you the comfort level that sweeps your aching body when you hear the words, "Look, there's a lot of sick people this week. We can't possibly fit you in until next Thursday."

Ah, just like home, only Mom never leapt to the abrupt conclusion that I had a sexually transmitted disease.

Why all of this sickness all of the sudden? I'm sure the -20 degree temperatures with snow one hour, followed by the 60 degree temperatures and blistering sun the next hour had very little to do with it.

Here's my theory: tainted Oscar Mayer meat announced two weeks ago, John's Market's demise, violent widespread illness. You do the math.

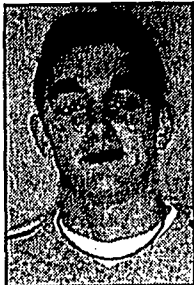
For those of you who doubt me, may I remind you of my first column when I predicted the death of the movie rental industry in town. Adios, Peak. You were good, kid, real good.

Due to light headedness and the nauseous smell of Vic's Vapor Rub, I must end for now. I wish all of the diseased a speedy recovery, but, for God's sake, don't breath on me.

The Stroller has been a Northwest tradition since 1918 and does not necessarily reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

## IN REVIEW

## Bad 'boy bands': the day the music died



## Matt Armstrong

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Quality lacking from modern music

What is the deal with music today? I am really sick of these boy bands who litter the air waves every 30 seconds with upbeat, poppy lyrics.

OK, now that I have that out of the way, where has music really gone? It's not that I hate these bands like N'Sync, The Backstreet Boys or even 98 Degrees. The point is I'm irritated with the quality of modern music. Everything is the same.

Rock is obviously dead, considering there has been no big name rock group for some time. Let me emphasize the term "rock" group. Rock groups are icons for the music world. They bring about changes and leave lasting impressions on the very concept of music. Bands like Metallica, Led Zeppelin and even U2 fit this category. This doesn't mean I love these bands. It just means I haven't seen anyone make such a dramatic impact. They were heroes of their rock era and in the future they will be remembered as such.

Sure, the grunge thing was cool for a while, but that era was terminated as soon as its pioneer decided to "terminate" himself. Alternative music has lost its edge because it seems everyone in America can put out a record. I mean who can keep track of all these one hit wonders? Can anyone name another song by Harvey Danger besides "Flagpole Sitta"? Or what about Marcy Playground? What happened to them?

I can tolerate rap and R&B. Rap is original, bottom line. It's reaching its

pinnacle and I believe it will remain popular along with R&B for awhile.

But back to the boy bands. Now, if I were a 14-year-old girl, I'm sure I'd have posters of these overplayed pop sensations plastered all over my walls. I'm sure their screaming and yelling is the best way for them to show their love and admiration. I'll even bet some of those little girls have been to see their favorite teen heart-throbs in concert. Maybe one of them even touched a hand or grabbed the leg of a group member. I'm sure they just about died.

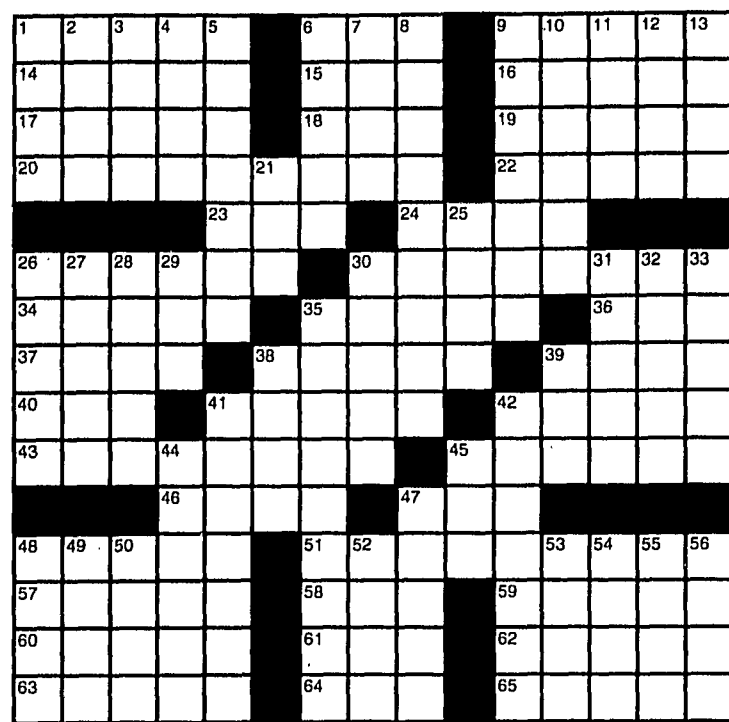
Honestly, I'm glad these "teenyboppers" are enjoying themselves now because it won't last forever. Like I said, I don't hate these guys; I actually catch myself listening at times, but stop playing the songs over and over. It's sad when someone who can't stand N'Sync, knows all the words because they can't escape the dreaded boy-band phenomenon.

If I hear "Tearin' Up My Heart" again I'm going to be tearing up my radio. I guess "God Must Have Spent" a little more time devising a plan to kill the music industry.

But fear not boy-band enemies. Bands like these usually only last around three years. I tend to recall the New Kids on the Block epidemic. And if I've learned anything in life, it's that history always has a way of repeating itself. Let's just pray the new wave of boy-bands will be as successful as the New Kids are today.

Matt Armstrong is a reporter for The Northwest Missourian.

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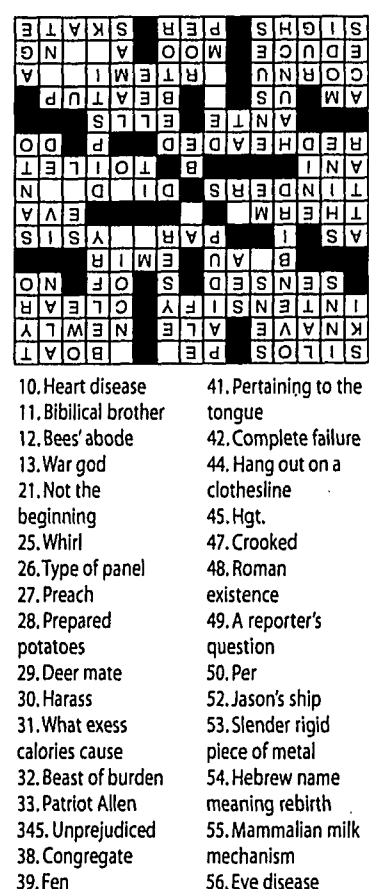
## ACROSS

1. Clarify
6. Campus party purchase
9. Russian summer house
14. Place for sports
15. One of the Bobsey twins
16. Irish hair remover
17. After dinner treats
18. Eggs
19. Pointed arch
20. Object to measure distance
22. Eats nicely
23. Member of a colony
24. What Jack Sprat was
26. Squalid
30. Like a Bridge hand
34. Sky hunter
35. Requires
36. Max.
37. Bridal fabric
38. Antiquated
39. How flu sufferers feel
40. Already had lunch
41. Old world carnivore

## DOWN

2. Tenet of the faith
3. The enemy is coming!
45. A sea
46. Small amount
47. Priestly garment
48. Jars
51. Spanish noisemakers
57. Roe's hostesses
58. Irritate
59. West Pointer
60. \_\_\_\_\_ iliac
61. Driver's license info.
62. Marked with continuous extensions of length
63. Gasoline grade
64. Weather map indicator
65. Overjoy
1. Moist
2. PA canal
3. Manage
4. Aware of
5. Utility gauge
6. \_\_\_\_\_'s Berry Farm (CA)
7. Roof overhang
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